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- Claim 82: An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a tumor rejection antigen precursor expressed in melanoma cells, encoded by nucleotides 2598-3542 of SEQ ID NO: 9.
- Claim 83: An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a fragment of a tumor rejection antigen precursor expressed in melanoma cells, that is encoded by nucleotides 2598-3542 of SEQ ID NO: 9.
- Claim 84: An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a tumor rejection antigen expressed in melanoma cells, the amino acid sequence of which consists of an amino acid sequence that is a ^{fragment} part of the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotides 2598-3542 of SEQ ID NO: 9.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments represent changes suggested by Supervisory Primary Examiner Anthony Caputa and agreed to by the undersigned. Essentially, the changes can be categorized as falling into one of two categories. The first, relating to expression in melanoma cells, characterizes the proteins correctly. Applicants point out, however, that this language is not to be construed as meaning (i) that all melanoma cells express the proteins (because they do not), or (ii) that only melanoma cells express the proteins (because other types of cancer express the molecules as well).

The second category relates to a more complete definition of the hybridization conditions. See page 34, lines 20-21 for support.

A "Showing of Changes" accompanies this amendment as well.